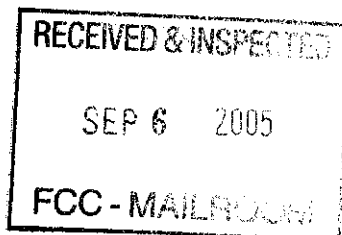




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RE: CC Docket 96-45
Certification Under 47 U.S.C. 254(e)
(NCUC Docket No. P-100, Sub 133L)

Dear Secretary Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

The North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) hereby submits its certification in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 54.313. This section of the Commission's rules requires state certification in order to allow non-rural service areas to receive federal high-cost support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.309 or 54.311.

As required by 47 C.F.R. 54.313(b), the NCUC certifies that North State Telephone Company is eligible to receive "hold harmless" federal support during the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. The NCUC further certifies that this Company will use such federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Very truly yours,

Jo Anne Sanford

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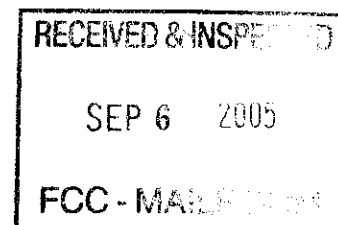


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RE: Certification of High Cost Support for Rural Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R.
Sections 54.314, CC Docket No. 96-45 (NCUC Docket No. P-100, Sub 133n)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

The North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural carriers in this state will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop support (HCL), Local Switching Support (LSS), and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

Attached as Appendix A is a list of rural carriers certified by the NCUC pursuant to Section 54.314 of the FCC's rules (47 C.F.R. § 54.314), which requires states to establish an annual certification process for rural carriers receiving federal high cost support. As requested by the Universal Service Administrative Company, listed beside each carrier is its assigned study area code (SAC), if known.

Very truly yours,

Jo Anne Sanford, Chair
North Carolina Utilities Commission

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Attached: Appendix A

Appendix A

LIST OF ELIGIBLE RURAL CARRIERS

<u>Company</u>	<u>SAC Code</u>
ALLTEL Carolina, Inc.	230476
Barnardsville Telephone Company	230469
Citizens Telephone Company	230473
Concord Telephone Company	230474
Ellerbe Telephone Company	230478
LEXCOM Telephone Company	230483
MEBTEL, Inc.	230485
Pineville Telephone Company	230494
Randolph Telephone Company	230495
Saluda Mountain Telephone Company	230498
Service Telephone Company	230500